

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Art Unit: 3677	Title: <b>LOCKING RING</b>	

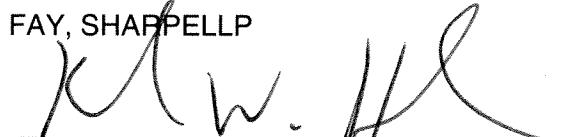
To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED										
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate				
Total Claims	17	Minus	63	0	X \$25	\$0.00				
Indep. Claims	5	Minus	9	0	X \$100	\$0.00				
		<b>TOTAL</b>		=	<b>\$0.00</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment for the filing of this Amendment and any appropriate extension of time fees are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate form PTO-2038 is enclosed for this purpose. <b>If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a <b>one month extension of time</b> to respond to the outstanding Office Action.									

Respectfully submitted,

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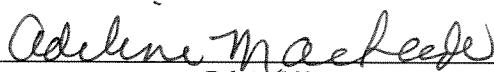
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